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## TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Jerome Aldrich  
Brazoria County  
District Attorney's Office  
111 East Locust  
Room 408A  
Angleton, Texas 77515

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

I appreciate the attention your office has given the Hercules Marine Services Corporation (Hercules) case. My investigator in the Houston office, Brian Lynch, advises that he submitted a Hercules case notebook to your Assistant District Attorney Ron Barclay on October 14, 1997, and that since this date your Investigator Larry Bullard has actively participated in the investigation. I understand that a few additional witness interviews are to be conducted with plans to take the case before the current grand jury, and if necessary, move forward with prosecution.

On October 23, 1997, this case was reviewed by the Texas Environmental Enforcement Task Force (Task Force) and was accepted as a case that is worthy of additional support if needed. If your office needs any additional technical or legal resources in the prosecution of this case from the Task Force, please advise Brian Lynch at 713-767-3521 so that arrangements can be made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Burnett".

Dale Burnett  
Assistant Director for  
Special Investigations

xc: Ron Barclay  
Larry Bullard  
Brian Lynch